Belarus Political and Economic Reporting Intern

VIRTUAL STUDENT FEDERAL SERVICE

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Project Title	Belarus Political and Economic Reporting Intern
Project Summary	Help us put U.S. - Belarus relations on the map! Seeking an intern willing to chart political and economic trends, identify areas to enhance U.S. trade and investment, and track Russian commercial and political influence in Belarus and the region.
Country	Belarus

Project Description

U.S. Embassy Minsk is looking for an intern to conduct research on legislation, government policy, international and bilateral trade, and the investment climate in Belarus. The intern will conduct open source research to develop weekly summaries of significant events in Belarus's economic and political sectors, map relationships and biographical history of key players in Belarus's government and economy, and contribute to the development of talking points and social media posts. You'll also get feedback on how to write effectively for U.S. government audiences, a better idea about how U.S. foreign policy is formed and shaped, and an enthusiastic supervisor who will talk your ear off about careers in international affairs with the U.S. government.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Economic analysis
Editing and proofreading
Political Analysis
Research
Social media management
Writing

Additional Information

This internship is perfect for students interested in working on or having experience researching/writing about the intersections between the economic development and government policy, domestic and regional politics, foreign investment and the challenges of modernizing a planned/demand economy. Russian language skills, academic background in international economics and/or international affairs recommended but not required. Social media skills a big plus - please include in your submission a short sample tweet or post about a political or economic issue in Belarus.

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Russian	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have